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Ex-Government Girl Recalls Motherwell Trip to Marysville

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DOWNTIEVILLE, Calif., March 7—Marie Colley, 32, today testified at the murder trial of Larry Lord Motherwell that she met him in 1957 in Washington and took a cross-country motor tour with him.

Miss Colley, a former CIA employe in Washington, who now lives in Roanoke, Va., said they went first to Florida. She said Motherwell told her he was on a highly confidential job and had a bodyguard day and night. He disappeared for three weeks in Florida, she said, and then a letter came saying he had died and his ashes had been scattered over the Everglades.

It was signed "The Dagger"—the name of the unseen bodyguard, she said. Then Motherwell showed up, said it was a mistake—that his twin brother had died—and he drove with her to California. In California, they stopped at Marysville, and then went to Reno, she said. Motherwell had denied he was familiar with the road from Marysville to Reno—where the body of Pearl Putney was found. He is charged with killing her there in 1958. (Earlier story on Page 5).